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Subject: Support for the Rubicon Trail Cleanup and Abatement Order

I want to express my support for the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order issued on January 23, 2009 by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to the El Dorado County Department of Transportation. I am concerned about the damaging off-road vehicle use on the Rubicon Trail. I support the Regional Board's effort to prevent this situation from worsening since such actions are long overdue. These areas are being irreparably damaged by off-roaders who don't stay on the trail and the failure of the Forest Service to implement and enforce strong regulations. I also ask that the Order's adoption be accompanied by closure of the Rubicon Trail until environmental review can be done and appropriate measures are taken to minimize impacts from future motorized use.

I commend the Regional Board and staff for your outstanding assessment of the impacts on the Rubicon beginning the process needed to stop this damage from continuing.

Lawrence Thompson.